

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 11-13 are now presented for examination, each of which has been amended. The amendments to claims 2-8 and 11-13 are to simply to improve the form of those claims, for example, by the use of more consistent punctuation. Claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice. The title has been amended to make it more descriptive, as required in the Office Action. The abstract has been carefully reviewed and amended as to the matters of form pointed out in the Office Action. In particular, reference numerals have been removed from the Abstract. Claims 1, 2 and 3 are the only independent claims.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 2-8 and 11-13.

Claims 3 and 5 were objected to on the basis of informalities. As shown above those claims have been amended to remove the informalities. Withdrawal of the objections is requested. Claim 11 was amended to improve its idiomatic English.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious from U.S. Patent 6,177,950 (Robb) in view of U.S. Patent 5,680,205 (Borza). Amended independent claim 1 is believed patentable over the cited art for at least the following reasons.

Among the features of claim 1 not taught or suggested in the cited references is the recited lens selection means, provided within the enclosure, for selecting one of the first lens and the second lens by varying the position of at least one of the first lens and the second lens so that a focal point of a selected lens is established at the imaging element.

That is, in Robb, as is clearly shown in Figure 6, the lenses 93, 94 and 95 are set at three *fixed locations* and the image sensor (camera 2) rotates so as to receive light through a selected one of the fixed-position lenses. Borza relates to fingerprint imaging and does not remedy this deficiency of Robb as a reference against independent claim 1. For at least this

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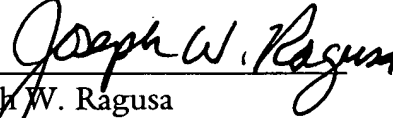
reason, claim 1 is believed clearly patentable over the cited art, taken individually or in combination.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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